

# FIRST AID TO PATRIOTISM:

**“TRUE PATRIOTISM is love for your own country, and energy and anxiety for its best good.”**

**Mrs. J. S. Hallowes**

**PATRIOTISM** depends on **love of country** and a **SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY** to one's country.

**True Preparedness** means the development of **all** the country's resources. Until the women of this nation are equally responsible with men, one-half of its human resources will be neglected, and the country will not reach its full development of strength.

The responsibility in a democratic government like that of Canada **rests with the voters**.

It is a government **of the people** by the people and **for the people**, and **WOMEN ARE PEOPLE**.

As long as **one-half the People** are **denied the vote**, the **sense of responsibility** in one-half the People **will not be fully developed**.

Sons inherit from mothers as well as fathers.

Does the country need patriotic and responsible men ?

Then it must develop patriotic women with a high sense of responsibility.

**Woman Suffrage Means Patriotism.**

Women want to vote because the ballot is an added means of serving their country, and is a great **developer of responsibility**.

**Women want the ballot** as an additional weapon of national defence.

## BALLOTS FOR BOTH

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# TWELVE REASONS WHY WOMEN SHOULD VOTE

1. BECAUSE those who obey the laws should help to choose those who make the laws.
2. BECAUSE women are patriots, they want to become citizens, instead of being wards of the government. Citizens can use the ballot to defend their Country.
3. BECAUSE laws which affect WOMEN are now passed without consulting them.
4. BECAUSE laws affecting CHILDREN should include the woman's point of view as well as the man's.
5. BECAUSE laws affecting the HOME are voted on in every session of the Legislature.
6. BECAUSE women have experience which would be helpful to legislation.
7. BECAUSE to deprive women of the vote is to lower their position in common estimation.
8. BECAUSE having the vote would increase the sense of responsibility among women toward questions of public importance.
9. BECAUSE public spirited mothers make public spirited sons.
10. BECAUSE over 175,000 women in Ontario are wage workers, according to the report of the Ontario Commission on Unemployment, and the conditions under which they work are controlled by law.
11. BECAUSE the objections against their having the vote are based on prejudice, not on reason.
12. BECAUSE to sum up all reasons in one—IT IS FOR THE COMMON GOOD OF ALL.

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# VOTES FOR WOMEN

## SIMPLE JUSTICE

### ANTI-SUFFRAGISTS SAY: WE SAY:

The majority of women do not want to vote.

The majority never wants progress.

Women will not vote when they are given the right.

Official figures show women DO vote largely wherever they have the right. Some men do not want the ballot, but that does not prevent other men having it.

If women vote they ought to fight.

Men who could not fight still vote; this is the age when RIGHT makes MIGHT.

If women vote they must hold office.

A woman will have to be elected to office by the men and women together. Do voting men all hold office?

Women have enough to do without voting.

Voting takes but a few minutes and can be done on the way to market.

It would interfere with a woman's business, the care of the house.

Does it interfere with man's business in factory, store or office?

It would double the ignorant vote.

More girls than boys attend the high schools and women will soon be the better educated class.

It would double the foreign vote.

That is no reason for withholding the right of our Anglo-Saxon women. Adult suffrage is fair play. Educate the foreigner.

It would double the expense and trouble of election.

The safety of a democracy lies in giving the vote to all classes so that ALL are fairly represented and the result will be a Fair Average opinion. Ought we to cut the present vote in half to save money?

Women can change or make laws by indirect influence.

Why be indirect when we can be direct? Why waste time and strength in beating around the bush?

A woman's place is in the home.

Because woman's place IS the home, she needs the ballot to protect it.

Women are represented by men.

Would men let women represent them at the polls?

Does a man with women to represent have more than one vote or does he cast his vote according to the majority vote of those he represents? No! Then he doesn't represent them.

Is a man's vote given him to represent some one else's opinion or his own?

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# Why Women Want to Vote

## Women Want to be Citizens of the Land in Which They Live

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**MOTHERS** need the ballot to regulate the moral conditions under which their children must be brought up.

Do **MEN** think they can fight against vicious conditions that are threatening their children unless they can vote for the men that run the district?

**HOUSEKEEPERS** need the ballot to regulate the sanitary conditions under which they and their families must live.

Do **MEN** think they can get what is needed for their district unless they can vote for the men that will get it for them?

**WORKING WOMEN** need the ballot to regulate conditions under which they work.

Do working men think they can protect themselves without the right to vote?

**TEACHERS** need the ballot to secure just wages and to influence the management of the public schools.

Do **MEN** think they could secure better school conditions without a vote to elect the Mayor who nominates the Board of Education?

**BUSINESS WOMEN** need the ballot to secure for themselves a fair opportunity in their business.

Do business **MEN** think they could protect themselves against adverse legislation without the right to vote?

**TAX PAYING WOMEN** need the ballot to protect their property.

Do not **MEN** know that "Taxation without representation" is tyranny?

**WOMEN IN THE COUNTRY** want better laws for women, laws which will give the mother the legal right to her own children on equal terms with the father. They want laws which will make the theft of a girl's honor a greater crime than the theft of property. They want to do their part to improve rural conditions through the government.

**ALL WOMEN** need the ballot, because they are concerned equally with men in good and bad government; and equally responsible for civic righteousness.

**ALL MEN** need women's help to build a better and juster government, and

**WOMEN** need **MEN** to help them secure their right to fulfil their civic duties.

**THE WOMEN** of Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan, British Columbia have the vote. Why should Ontario women be deprived of this right?

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## **THE ONTARIO EQUAL FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION**

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### **OUR PLATFORM**

**WE, THE ONTARIO EQUAL FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION,** realizing that woman's interests are :

**THE CARE OF CHILDREN** in our Homes and in the Schools.

**THE ESTABLISHMENT** of Supervised Playgrounds.

**THE ENACTMENT AND ENFORCEMENT** of adequate **CHILD LABOR LAWS.**

**THE ENACTMENT AND ENFORCEMENT** of laws for the protection of **GIRLS IN INDUSTRY.**

**EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK.**

**THE SAFEGUARDING OF MORALITY** and an equal standard of morality for men and women.

**THE SECURING OF PURE WATER, WHOLESOME FOOD, and BETTER SANITARY CONDITIONS,** for women are responsible for the health and well-being of their households.

**BETTER CARE OF THE FEEBLE-MINDED.**

**MOTHERS' PENSIONS.**

**THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.**

Resolve, that we ask for the ballot in order to elect representatives who will give more attention to these important subjects than has been given hitherto in this Province.

### **What Is A Vote?**

It is the best instrument ever devised to measure accurately public opinion in the shortest possible time. Realizing this we feel that the power of the **CANADIAN WOMAN** behind her ballot is certainly no less valuable than the vote of the **FOREIGN MAN**.

We wish for the Suffrage not in order to compete with men, but to co-operate with them in furthering the welfare of this Province. We consider the exercise of the franchise a duty that every intelligent woman owes to her country and her home, and our motto is :

**“ THE BALLOT FOR THE BETTER PROTECTION OF OUR HOMES.”**

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# THE JUSTICE OF THE LAW

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## for Women as shown by the Criminal Code

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**The Working Girl or a Shrub :** Any employer who seduces a girl or woman formerly of good character, under twenty-one years of age, who is in his employ, is liable to **two years'** imprisonment. Anyone damaging a tree or shrub growing in park or garden may be imprisoned for **five years.** (Sections 213 and 510).

**A Promise of Marriage :** Seduction of girl under twenty-one of good character under promise of marriage, renders any man over twenty-one liable to **two years'** imprisonment, but for stealing metal, woodwork, etc., from private or public grounds or burial places, the penalty is **seven years.** (Sections 212 and 372.)

**Our Daughters or Our Cattle :** Anyone administering a drug or intoxicant to any girl or woman for immoral purposes, gets **two years**, but any one maiming or wounding cattle or their young is liable to **fourteen years'** imprisonment. (Sections 216 and 510.)

**A Young Girl or a Fishery :** For seduction of a chaste girl of between fourteen and sixteen years, the maximum sentence is **two years**, but for placing lime or other noxious material that may injure fish in a stream the penalty is **seven years.** (Sections 211 and 510.)

**Money or Morality :** For procuring a girl under twenty-one, not of known immoral character, the penalty is **two years.** For having in one's possession wittingly forged bank notes, **fourteen years** is the sentence, and for making counterfeit coin or regilding or resilvering coin to pass for gold or silver, **imprisonment for life** is the maximum sentence. (Sections 216, 550 and 552.)

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**WOMEN ARE TOLD THAT THEIR DEMAND FOR THE RIGHT TO  
PROTECT THEMSELVES MEANS THE DEATH OF CHIVALRY**

**IF MEN CANNOT GIVE BOTH JUSTICE AND CHIVALRY, LET  
THEM GIVE JUSTICE**

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